

# Recruit 12-Week Basic Firefighting Training

## Massachusetts Firefighting Academy



### Tentative FY 2010 Schedule

Class #185 - August 31, 2009

Class #186 - Winter 2009/2010

Class # 187 - Spring 2010

#### ❖ How can I get a newly hired firefighter on the waitlist?

- When a department is beginning to fill new fulltime positions, they should call the Recruit Department 978-567-3202 with any questions.
- When you have selected a candidate for hire (before the physical and PAT) you should submit that name.

#### ❖ How long is the waitlist?

- The wait time for the 12 Week Recruit Basic Training is based upon the amount of people waiting. All placements are in numerical order.
- Due to movement on the list, a completed application may speed things up.

#### ❖ Is paperwork required to enter the Academy?

- Yes, there is a complete application packet that is required; you may request one from the Recruit Department or go on line to [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs); look for the "Quick Links" option and click on it and then find "Chief's 12 week application packet".
- Before entry into a class, documentation of medical examination and physical abilities test must be on file. Time between exam/test dates and class start date shall not exceed 12 months.

#### ❖ Other requirements required for entering a class.

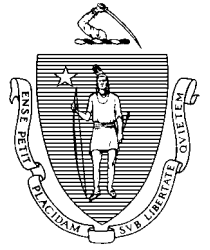
- There are standards for physical fitness that must be met.

Recruit Department (978) 567-3202  
Or (978) 567-3218





*Department of Fire Services  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Code Enforcement Training*



**What you need to Know About Chapter 304,  
“Ticketing Procedures”  
in the Commonwealth**

**Learn About:**

- 1. “Ticketing Procedures” Chapter 304**
- 2. Use of the new “code tickets”**
- 3. Regulatory procedures and requirements for their use**
- 4. State Fire Code (527) for non-criminal code enforcement provisions**

Course:	200-000-668-A
Date/Time:	October 26, 2009 1000-1200
Location:	DFS Room 109 1 State Road Stow MA

*Advanced registration through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is required*

*Please use a standard MFA Application*

Additional information & applications can be obtained @ [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs)

**Who should attend?**

Fire Chiefs  
Fire Inspectors  
Company Officers responsible for inspections



# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 28, 2009

Release # 09-288

**Firm's Recall Hotline: (888) 540-5177**

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

### Blitz USA Recalls Enviro-Flo™ Plus Fuel Containers Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Enviro-Flo Plus Fuel Containers (1 and 2 gallon container sizes)

**Units:** About 4,000

**Manufacturer:** Blitz USA Inc., of Miami, Okla.

**Hazard:** The spout's plunger cap can dislodge which can open the seal of the fuel container and allow gasoline vapors to escape. This could cause liquid gasoline to spill from the top of the container during use and result in a fire hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported

**Description:** The recall involves green Enviro-Flo Plus spouts used with 1 and 2 gallon fuel containers. Only spouts with manufacture date codes listed from 04/17/2009 through 04/19/2009 are included in the recall. The manufacture date code is etched into the side of the spout. The spouts were used on fuel containers with item numbers 81005 (1 gallon) and 81010 (2 gallon) printed on the labels. Date codes affected include:

041709xx1 (April 17, 2009, Automated Assembly)

041809xx1 (April 18, 2009, Automated Assembly)

041909xx1 (April 19, 2009, Automated Assembly)

All spout delivery systems manufactured outside these dates or with number sequence ending in a zero (0) are not included in this recall.

**Sold at:** Home improvement, mass merchandisers, automotive and various retailers nationwide from June 2009 through July 2009 for between \$6 and \$10.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately empty their gasoline container and contact Blitz for a free replacement spout delivery system. The gasoline container should not be used until a replacement spout delivery system is installed on the container.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Blitz Inc. at (888) 540-5177 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <http://www.blitzusa.com/recall.htm>



CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

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[Send the link for this page to a friend!](#) The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

## Trick-or-Treating

- Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.
- If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first!
- Know what neighborhoods they will be in.
- Don't allow them in areas with which you are not completely comfortable.
- Have the children stay in a group.
- Let them know what time to be home.
- Give them a cell phone to use if necessary.



### Instruct children to:

- Use sidewalks.
- Cross only at the corners, never dart out between parked cars.
- Cover one side of the street at a time, no criss-crossing.
- Never go inside someone's home unless it is a friend's.
- Never accept a ride in a car.
- Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.
- Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.



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# Halloween Safety Tips



**STEPHEN D. COAN, STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
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# The Massachusetts State Fire Marshal offers the following tips for a safe and happy Halloween:

## Costumes

- Children should carry a flashlight and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame retardant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devils' forks should be made of soft material.
- If your child wears a mask instead of make-up on their face, double check that the eye holes are large enough to see through clearly.
- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.



## Receiving Trick-or-Treaters

- Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door. Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.

## Decorations

- Use a small flashlight in pumpkins instead of a candle.
- Only use flame-proof crepe paper.
- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.

## Checking Treats

- Throw out anything that appears tampered with, home-made foods or home-packaged foods unless you are certain of the source.
- Inspect fruit closely and take away treats that may not be age appropriate. Young children may choke on things like hard candy or peanuts.

## Fireworks

- Firecrackers, cherry bombs, and party poppers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween. These are dangerous and should not be used by children, teens or adults. Besides the physical danger and the fire hazards involved, fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

- Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors. This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy and on **Sunday, November 1, Change Your Clocks and Change Your Batteries.**

